

## SENATE RESOLUTION No. \_\_\_\_

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### DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

A SENATE RESOLUTION urging the Legislative Council to assign to the Interim Sentencing Policy Committee or the Commission on Courts the study of ways to improve the retention of evidence in criminal cases.

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## SENATE RESOLUTION

MADAM PRESIDENT:

I offer the following resolution and move its adoption:

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*Whereas, The handling and preservation of evidence in criminal cases, particularly biologically testable evidence, is of the utmost importance to the state of Indiana;*

*Whereas, If evidence is not preserved, the state of Indiana may lose the ability to effectively prosecute cold cases, or re-prosecute cases that are reversed years after conviction;*

*Whereas, More statutory guidance may be needed on the retention of evidence in criminal cases; and*

*Whereas, It is prudent to study ways to improve the retention of evidence in criminal cases: Therefore,*

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the  
General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

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1 SECTION 1. The Legislative Council is urged to assign to the  
2 Interim Sentencing Policy Committee or the Commission on Courts the  
3 study of ways to improve the retention of evidence in criminal cases.

4 SECTION 2. The Commission shall present its findings and  
5 recommendations in a final report when directed to do so by the  
6 Legislative Council.

7 SECTION 3. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed to  
8 transmit a copy of this Resolution to the Legislative Council through  
9 the Executive Director of the Legislative Services Agency.

